

DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES





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## ARTS EDUCATION

Bringing Art Back to School 2010

"Based on my personal experience, the arts are a great way to capture all students," says Tyler Elementary School Principal, **Terry Dade**. Arts Education fosters a love not only for art, but for learning. The three key components of arts education are arts exposure, arts instruction and arts integration. These three elements can be seen in use in the classrooms

such as Lafayette Elementary **School**, where students study and discuss noted works of art to introduce new artistic media while producing works of art themselves. Classes integrate the creation of poetry with physical movement, or teachers might ask students to create a pictorial representation of an imagined story that they have just acted out to music. By using different artistic components to teach children the range of academic subject matter, it helps students "develop a deeper understanding of ma-

of already arts-integrated schools,

**Dina Shapiro**, kindergarten teacher at Lafayette.

This summer, **DC Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee**and **Mayor Adrian Fenty** announced that thirteen public

terial and a lifelong love of learning," notes

schools throughout the District were accepted into the **DC Catalyst Project**, three of them as new Arts Integration schools, meant to spark in students the motivation to learn through active study. The schools were selected through a rigorous application process, in which they cited the ways that they would transform their

curriculum and activities. Though
DC is already home to several
arts-intensive schools, the three

schools chosen to be Arts Integration Catalyst Schools differ in that there is no special admission process. Their doors will be open to any student who possesses an interest in the arts, regardless of their skill level, providing all children the opportunity to succeed in learning through dance, visual arts, music, and other art forms. The upcoming school year is one of planning for the Cata-

**lyst Schools**, which will be fully implemented in fall 2010. Congratu-

lations to Sousa Middle School (Ward

7), **Takoma Educational Campus Preschool** (Ward 4), and **Tyler Elementary School** (Ward 6), for being selected to become Arts Integration Catalyst Schools!

## **V**IDEO SPOTLIGHT



Watch the video to learn more about the Catalyst Schools



photos by Clara Simoni

# CATALYST ARTS INTEGRATION SCHOOLS

**Sousa Middle School**, Ward 7 3650 Ely Place SE Washington, DC 20019-3039 (202)645-3170 Principal: Dwan Jordan

## **Takoma Educational Campus**, Ward 4 7010 Piney Branch Rd. NW

Washington, DC 20012 (202)671-6050-phone Principal: Rikki Taylor

#### **Tyler Elementary School**, Ward 6

1001 G St. SE Washington, DC 20003 (202)939-4810 Principal: Terry Dade

Website: www.tylertigers.org

# C.E.T.A CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

Changing Education Through the Arts

#### Lafayette Elementary School, Ward 4

5701 Broad Branch Rd NW Washington, DC 20015-2541 (202) 282-0116 Principal: Lynn Main Website: www.lafayettehsa.org

#### **RESOURCES**

#### **Kennedy Center:**

Provides professional learning opportunities for educators and teaching artists through the Changing Education Through the Arts (C.E.T.A.) program.

2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566 (202)467-4600

Website: www.kennedy-center.org

#### **DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative**

Provides arts field trips, professional development, and supports arts intergration for public and charter school students and teachers in DC.

1835 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202)204-7750

Website: www.dccollaborative.org

#### **Fillmore Arts Center**

Provides training in dance, music, theater, visual arts, creative writing and media arts.

1819 35th St NW Washington DC 20007 (202)729-3796

Website: www.fillmoreartscenter.org

#### **DC Youth Orchestra Program**

Provides music classes and ensemble training to all students who wish to participate.

6315 5th St NW Washington, DC 20011-1325 (202) 723-1612 Website: www.dcyop.org





### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the release of its 2010 applications for funding. We invite you to explore artistic opportunities to showcase your creativity.

Grant Opportunities Grant Writing Assistance Grants 101 Video

#### **ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS:**

Encourages artist residencies in D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) and Public Charter Schools to support the development and implementation of innovative teaching strategies according to DCPS Arts Content Standards.

Grant Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline for Application: Thursday, October 2009 Time: 7:00pm

For more information contact samuela.miranda@dc.gov

#### **ARTS TEACHER FELLOWSHIP:**

Funds the professional development of arts teachers within DC Public Schools (DCPS) and Public charter schools in order to facilitate the implementation of innovative arts teaching strategies according to DCPS Arts Content Standards.

Grant Amount: Up to \$2,500

**Deadline for Application:** 

Thursday, 2009 Time: 7:00pm

For more information contact samuela.miranda@dc.gov

#### **UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

#### Thursday, October 15, 2009 7:00pm

Capital Region Touring Elders Learning through the Arts Hip Hop Community Arts

#### Friday, October 16, 2009 7:00pm

Artists in Schools Artist Teaching Fellowships Young Artists Program

#### **WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS:**

DCCAH is accepting applications to a new batch of grant programs! If you're interested in Elders Learning Through the Arts, Hip Hop Community Arts, the Capital Region Touring program or the Young Artists Program, join us for one of the following grant writing workshops. Let our staff help you bring your best ideas and most exciting projects to the table. New this year, DCCAH is also offering targeted assistance in completing its final report forms. Current grantees are particularly urged to join us for the last half hour of each of the above workshops for a detailed explanation of how to comply with all reporting requirements.

For a complete schedule of upcoming workshops visit dcarts.dc.gov



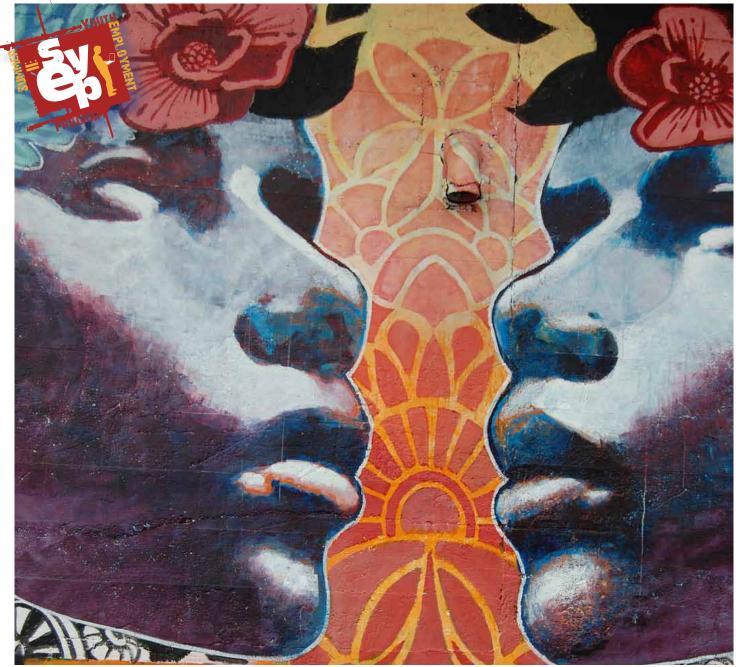


Photo by Terri Memolo



## FROM EDGEWOOD TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

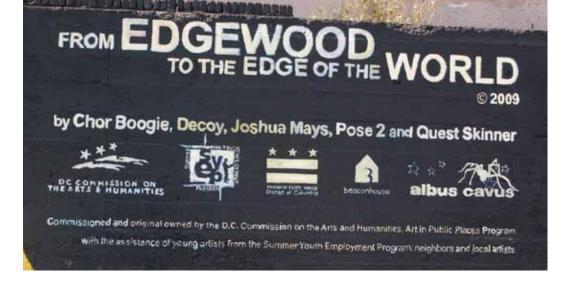
The Edgewood Mural project was unveiled on Monday, August 24. Mayor Fenty held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the work of 40 of his Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants. They were led by five artists: Quest Skinner, Decoy, Joshua Mays, Pose 2, and Chor Boogie. With Albus Cavus, a nonprofit youth employment organization and were able to create the largest mural in the District: spanning the length of two football fields and two stories high.



The mural represents several vehicles for change. Two years ago, Councilman Jim Graham started the MuralsDC program to create public art in an effort to beat vandalism to the punch. The project also recalls former boundaries. "Historically, this was the edge of the known world for Washingtonians." says Peter Krsko, director of Albus Cavus, in a Washington Post interview. "The students were not afraid to step beyond the morder, beyond the edge and discover something new and exciting." Most importantly, the mural is something SYEP participants and the community can be proud of.

To read an article on the mural project visit **The Washington Post article** 

For more information contact **Deirdre.Ehlen@dc.gov** 









Photos by Shyree Mezick

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 6TH ANNUAL DANCE DC FESTIVAL: DC EXPERIENCES GLOBAL MOVEMENT

The last weekend in August marked the 6th annual **Dance DC Festival**: Experience Global Movement. The three-day festivital highlighted 50 of D.C.'s most talented performers at 14 venues across the city, featuring folk and traditional music and dance forms from various cultures. These activities included everything from hip-hop to salsa, swing, and tango. All perfor-

mances were free and accompanied by interactive workshops. Friday's opening night performance, "Live! A Bollywood Experience," was sold out! Performers included Yillah, founder of U Street Caravan, and Dhoonya Dance School. The festival wrapped on Sunday with the Washington art of hand dancing, also known as DC Swing. Smooth & EZ showcased their talents by putting on a performance and interactive workshop.



#### **VELOCITY DANCE**

The first annual **VelocityDC Dance Festival** is **October 2-3** at **Sidney Harman Hall**. This is a new event presented by the **Washington Performing Arts Society, the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Dance/MetroDC, The Washington Ballet and CityDance Ensemble**. The format is based on New York City's "Fall for Dance" festival, where artists are featured in fast-pased gala-style performances. This collaboration is the first of its kind and includes reduced ticket prices. After the performances, don't miss out on Friday night's event, VelocityDC Lounge and VelocityDC Late Night on Saturday. Both start at 10:00 pm following the performances at **Sidney** 

Harman Hall.

For more information visit www.velocitydc.org



## OFFICE OF MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT: CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Office of Motion Picture and Television Development on their successful coordination of the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" project involving Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants! The national television show coordinated the renovation of a Hyattsville, MD home and a Deanwood youth center on Saturday, August 22. The DC Film Office has also recently coordinated the filming of the MTV'sThe Real World; NBC's The Biggest Loser; and films such as Below the Beltway and Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian. We thank you for your efforts in the community as well as providing such a great opportunity to SYEP participants in these unique projects.





AND MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

#### KENNEDY CENTER'S STAGE AND STREET SPECTACULAR

Enjoy the **25th annual Open House Arts event** which is designed to kick off the Kennedy Center's 2009-2010 season. Local DC performing artists as well as French and Canadian performers will be featured.

Dates: September 12, 2009

**Location:** The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566

Time: 12:00 p.m.

For more information visit

www.kennedy-center.org/openhouse

## NATIONAL BLACK L.U.V. FESTIVAL

Thirteen musicians, six poets, and six activists will spread the word of social change in the one-day, multi-cultural **National Black L.U.V.** (love, unity, and vision) Festival. The festival is held on a Sunday to promote family involvement, so bring your friends and family out to unite for cultural arts and community enlightenment!

Dates: Sunday, September 20, 2009

Location: Malcolm X Park, 4th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Time: 12:00pm-7:00pm

#### **FOTO WEEK DC AWARDS COMPETITION**

The second annual **Foto Week DC** competition has expanded to an international level. All forms of remarkable imagery--both in single series, as well as multimedia pieces. Images are accepted in digital, film, cell phone, and alternatives process. Winners will be displayed at the **Foto Week DC Festival Nov. 7-14**, published in a Limited Edition

Foto Week DC Book, and recieve a cash prize.

**Deadline: Sunday, September 13, 2009** 

For more information visit www.fotoweekdc.org



#### STEP AFRIKA: DC'S CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

In August, Mayor Adrian Fenty named Step Afrika! as the "Cultural Ambassador for Washington, DC". Their journey began in 1994 as they forged a cross cultural exchange with the Soweto Dance Theatre of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Website: www.stepafrika.org

#### **BOOTLEG FESTIVAL**

The **Bootleg Festival** is a hip hop film festival at seven U-Street venues, showcasing 17 different films over four days.

Dates: Wednesday, September 16 - Saturday, September 19, 2009







#### THE AMERICAN QUILT: WEAVING THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

**DCCAH** in partnership with The **Textile Museum**, will host **The American Quilt: Weaving the District's Future**, an American Masterpieces project sponsored by the **National Endowment for the Arts** (September 9-19, 2009). This program is designed to enhance the Washington, DC arts community's appreciation and understanding of the rich and diverse textile traditions of quilting. The project will also convey the importance of quilting not only as a treasured American masterpiece, but also as a way of documenting history and examining social circumstance.

The American Quilt: Weaving the District's Future consists of adult and youth workshops lead by Pat Autenrieth, a master quilter, mixed media artist, and associate professor at the Corcoran College of Art & Design, DC. In addition, there will be a special guest lecture by world renowned artist Faith Ringgold titled "Story Quilts: an American History." Workshops will be held at citywide, Metro accessible venues, beginning September 9 through September 19. The project culminates in the unveiling of the dynamic community quilt on September 28 at the Textile Museum.

All events are free and open to the public.

Date: Wednesday, September 9 - Monday, September 19th, 2009
For more information contact Tala.aburahmeh@dc.gov or visit dcarts.dc.gov

#### AN EVENING WITH THE POET LAUREATE

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities present the 6th Annual Dance DC Festival August 28-30. This three day festival highlights cultural music and dance traditions from all around the world, performed

Dates: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

**Location:** Heritage center at the Navy Memeorial

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Carolyn.Parker@dc.gov







#### **POST ART SALON: @ SOLEA**

DCCAH had its third installment of Art Salon at Solea, featuring work by Peter Krsko, Quest Skinner, Decoy, Cory Orbendorfer and Rogelio Maxwell and the rhythms of DJ Iwah and Christylez Bacon. DCCAH launched Art Salon to bring together members of Washington's creative community that are shaping the next era of art in DC. This event culminated in a mingling of artists and people of all ages from the U street and Columbia Heights communities who were able to interact in thought-provoking discussion spurred by the art hanging on the walls, written on the floors, and dominating the environment.

For more information on **Art Salon**, contact **Marquis.Perkins@dc.gov** 

## SAVE THE DATE: ART SALON @ ANACOSTIA ART GALLERY

Join **DCCAH**'s next installment of Art Salon at the Anacostia Art Gallery

Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2009 Location: 2806 Bruce Place, SE Washington, DC Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

For more information contact Marquis.Perkins@dc.gov



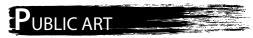


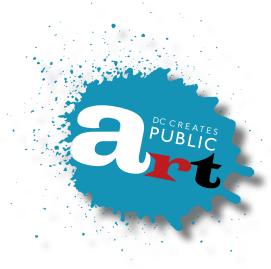






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#### **CHINATOWN ARCH REVIVED Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

For the past 8 weeks, something has been notably absent from the cityscape of Chinatown. But after a summer of restoration work, the Chinatown "Friendship Arch" is finally ready to be revealed. Original architect Alfred Liu and his team have spent countless hours cleaning and repainting the worn-down arch, while repairing and replacing rotting wood and broken ceramic. Along with a successful restoration agenda, the architect team is proud to include features that were originally intended for the arch, such as lighting.

Join **Mayor Adrian M. Fenty** on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 10:30am for a celebratory ribbon cutting.

For more information contact Rachel.Dickerson@dc.gov





Summer is the time to enjoy a play, musical or dance performance. Check out the Artist Touring Roster, your source for the best talent DC has to offer. The Artist Touring Roster is a compilation of local Dance, Theater and Music artists chosen to represent the cultural diversity and high quality talent of DC across the nation.

#### **JOIN THE ARTIST ROSTER!**

Roster artists are provided with a series of workshops to sharpen various skills and enhance their marketability and are featured various marketing campaigns by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities for a 3 year tenure.

For more information contact Tala.aburahmeh@dc.gov



The collaborative efforts between DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and each of our partners is to actively strive to create and maintain relationships with artists, arts educators and their resources. Together, we are working to make art relevant to working artists and their communities.

#### **ARTOMATIC**

Provides a forum for artists to convene, perform and exhibit, strengthening Washington's arts community.

George Koch, Chair 1629 K Street, NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006 (202) 607-0879 Web: www.artomatic.org Email: Info@artomatic.org



## HUMANITIES COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON, DC

The Humanities Council of Washington, DC is a private, non-profit organization that funds and conducts humanities-based cultural and educational programs for Washingtonians in every ward. It is not a Federal or a District agency.

Lisa Alfred, Deputy Director 925 U Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 Phone (202) 387-8391 Web: www.wdchumanities.org Email: lalfred@wdchumanities.org



#### **CULTURECAPITAL.COM**

CultureCapital.com connects you to Greater Washington DC's thriving arts and culture community. This virtual arts marketplace provides comprehensive information and reliable ticket-purchase options for shows, performances, classes and exhibitions offered by more than 300 regional arts organizations and cultural institutions, making it the region's richest and most diverse collection of arts and culture activities.

Eileen Rappoport, Vice President Operations Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington 1436 U Street NW, Suite 103 Washington, DC 20009 Phone (202) 638-2406 Web: www.culturecapital.com Email: info@culturalcapital.com



#### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases.

#### **National Endowment for the Arts**

An independent federal agency 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20506 202-833-4000 Web: www.nea.gov



## WASHINGTON AREA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (WALA)

WALA provides education, advocacy and volunteer legal services through workshops and seminars, legal clinics for artists and arts organizations, and pro-bono referral services.

901 New York Avenue, NW Suite P1 Washington, DC 20001-4413 Phone (202) 289-4440 Web: www.thewala.org



#### **WASHINGTON POSTPOINTS**

Find out more about the Washington Post's commitment to the community through PostPoints Partnerships, promotional advertising and auction items please visit Web: www.washpost.com/community

## DC ARTS & HUMANITIES EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

The DC Collaborative believes that the arts—inclusive of music, visual arts, theater, dance, and literary arts—are central to the education of every student.

La'Tasha Banks, Program Coordinator 1835 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 Phone (202) 204-7750 Web: www.dccollaborative.org Email: latasha@dccollaborative.org







Below is a quick reference sheet of available grants opportunities.

## DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Programs	Description
City Arts Projects	Encourages the growth of quality arts activities throughout the city, supports local artists, and makes arts experiences accessible to District residents.
Arts Education Projects	Provides training and in-depth exploration of artistic disciplines to students from pre-K through 12th grades.
Folk & Traditional Arts Program	Provides funding for artists and arts organizations practicing or supporting folk traditions.
Hip Hop Community Arts	Funds programs that encourage the growth of quality Hip Hop arts activities.
Elders Learning Through The Arts	Funds artists and arts organizations that provide training and in-depth exploration of artistic disciplines to seniors.
Small Projects Program	Provides funds to individual artists and arts organizations for small-scale arts projects with budgets under \$4,000.
Artist Fellowship Program (Performing & Literary Arts)	Provides support for individual artists who make a significant contribution to the arts.
Arts Teacher Fellowships (DC Public and Charter School teachers only)	Funds DC Public Schools and public charter schools to support the development and implementation of innovative teaching strategies according to DCPS Arts Content Standards.
Young Artist Program	Funds young artists between the ages of 18 to 30 years old.
Public Art Building Communities Grants	Funds individuals and nonprofit organizations for the creation and installation of permanent public art projects with a life span of at least five years.
DC Creates Public Art	Funds the commission or purchase of works of high quality art located in public places throughout the District, including District government buildings, schools, libraries, parks, hospitals and any other sites under direct jurisdiction and stewardship of the District.

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## DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR **ORGANIZATIONS**

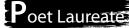
Programs	Description
Grants-In-Aid	Funds general operating expenses and financial assistance to nonprofit arts organizations.
City Arts Projects	Encourages the growth of quality arts activities throughout the city, supports local artists, and makes arts experiences accessible to District residents.
Arts Education Projects	Provides training and in-depth exploration of artistic disciplines to students from pre-K through 12th grades.
Festivals DC	Funds arts festivals or festivals with significant arts components that: encourage growth and promote awareness of quality arts activities throughout the city, support local artists, stimulate economic benefits to the community, promote a sense of community identity, and make arts experiences accessible to District residents and visitors.
East of the River Arts Program	Funds targeted at Wards 7 and 8.
DC UPSTART Program	Capacity-building program for small to mid-size arts organizations.
Folk & Traditional Arts Program	Provides funding for artists and arts organizations practicing or supporting folk traditions.
Hip Hop Community Arts	Funds programs that encourage the growth of quality Hip Hop arts activities.
Elders Learning Through The Arts	Funds artists and arts organizations that provide training and in-depth exploration of artistic disciplines to seniors.
Artists In Schools	Grants that encourage creative arts education projects in D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) and Public Charter Schools and support the development and implementation of innovative teaching strategies aligned with DCPS Arts Content Standards.
Small Projects Program	Provides funds to individual artists and arts organizations for small-scale arts projects with budgets under \$4,000.
Capital Region Touring	Funds presenters to book performing artists included on the Maryland State Arts Council's artist touring roster.
Cultural Facilities program	Provides funds to help defray costs related to the improvement, expansion and rehabilitation of existing buildings owned or leased by nonprofit cultural institutions.
Public Art Building Communities Grants	Funds and nonprofit organizations for the creation and installation of permanent public art projects with a life span of at least five years.
DC Creates Public Art	Funds the commission or purchase of works of high quality art located in public places throughout the District, including District government buildings, schools, libraries, parks, hospitals and any other sites under direct jurisdiction and stewardship of the District.
American Recovery & Reinvestment Stimulus Grant	Grant supports, in full or partially, positions that are critical to an organization's artistic mission and that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated as a result of the current economic climate.

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### Mission

Our Mission at The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is to provide grants, programs and educational activities that encourage diverse artistic expressions and learning opportunities, so that all District of Columbia residents and visitors can experience the rich culture of our city.

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#### Did you know ...

The recently completed "From Edgewood to the Edge of the World" is the largest public mural ever created in all of DC, spanning four thousand square feet.







#### **DEIRDRE EHLEN: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

**Deirdre Ehlen** has worked for **DCCAH** for three years as our Public Art Coordinator. Deirdre has worked tirelessly on projects such as Murals DC and the Edgewood mural among many other public art installations shaping our cityscape. A supreme team player, she is always willing to pitch in with whatever it takes to get the job done, and does it with a glowing smile!

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